

CHURUPA PLANTATION MOUND

GPS Coordinates: *Latitude: 31.638291 Longitude: -91.675461*

Driving Directions:

— *From US 84, head north on La 566. Go 2.0 miles to marker on right.*

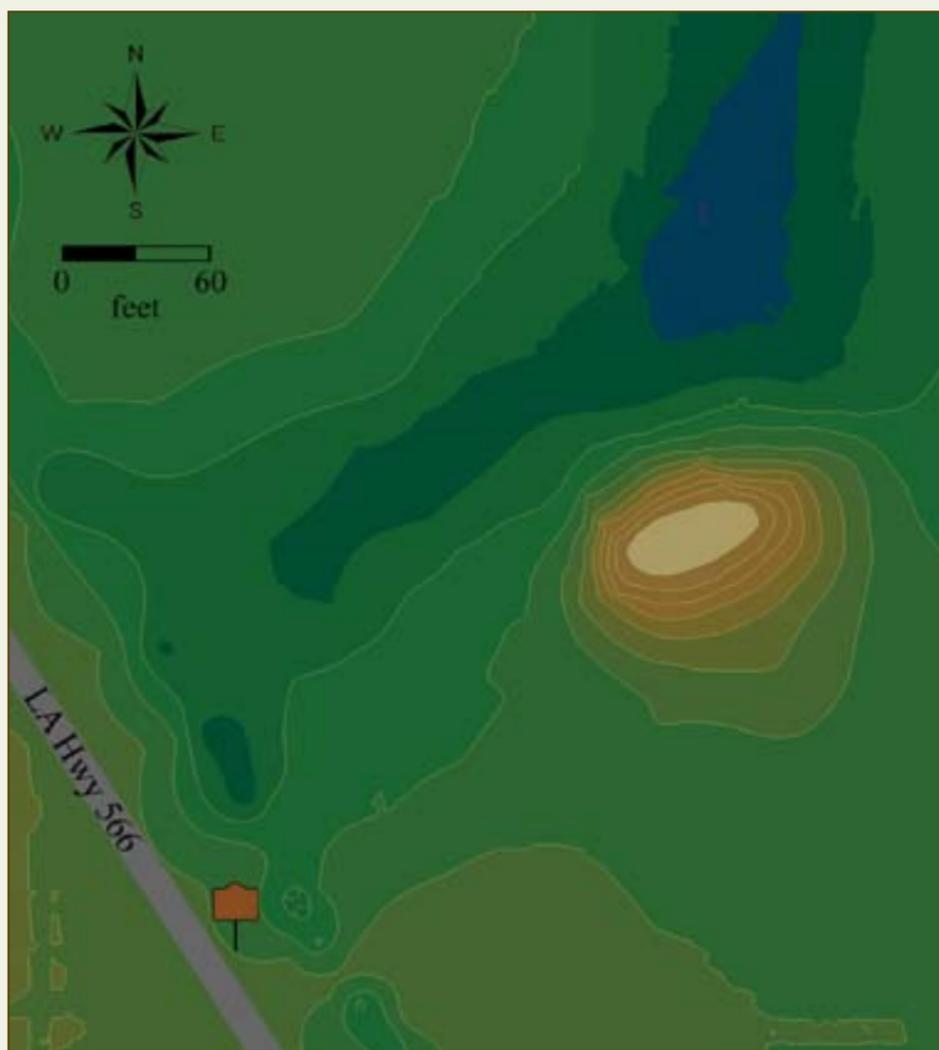
— *From US 425/La 15, head west on La 566. Go 14.0 miles to marker on left.*

Number of Mounds: *1*

Number of Visible Mounds: *1*

Summer Viewing: *Fair*

Winter Viewing: *Good*



Churupa is a single mound built about AD 1000 on a natural levee deposit of an old tributary of the Mississippi River. It's now about 7 feet tall, and 150 by 125 feet at the base. In 1935, the mound was described as conical, 10 feet high, and 90 feet in diameter, so plowing may have altered its shape. A fenced cemetery and headstones on the mound date to the historic period. Soil coring indicates that the mound was built in a single stage on the remains of an earlier village that had been occupied long before construction of the mound began. Charcoal from underneath the mound dates to AD 541–659 (Troyville period); the mound itself may date to AD 700–1200 (Coles Creek period). □